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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

As the result of processing step S31, in this implementation, as shown in FIG. 11A, bounding box 30 for the first reference character "utsu" is determined and, as shown in FIG. 11C, bounding box 30 for the second reference character "naga" is determined. Next, as shown in FIG. 11B, the top, bottom, left and right differences a, a', b, b', c, c', d, d' between bounding box 30 and embox 21 are determined for each reference character (step S32). Next, these eight differences are added, and the result of the addition is divided by 8 to determine the average value of the differences (step S33). A new box is defined that is positioned inside embox 21 by exactly the distance of the average value obtained for the difference in this manner. This box becomes ICF box 31 (see FIG. 12) (step S34). Next, either the top part, the middle part, or the bottom part of ICF box 31 is selected to be the coordination point (step S35). This is how ICF box 31 is determined for character C1 and its coordination point is also determined. If any characters, from a line of characters, remain, the process repeats for the next character (step S36).